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Hodges and Barrett Reservoirs Open For Recreation

SAN DIEGO - Get your fishing poles ready! Hodges and Barrett Reservoirs are opening their gates to public recreation for the 2006 season.

“This is always an exciting time of the year, when people and families get together to enjoy the outdoors. The City’s Reservoirs, known for their world-famous fishing, also offer a variety of recreation opportunities for the public to enjoy,” according to Joe Weber, City Reservoir Recreation Program Manager.

Hodges Reservoir, located approximately 31 miles north of San Diego on the San Dieguito River, will open Wednesday, April 12. In a coastal canyon environment, this reservoir provides for a variety of recreational uses such as fishing, boating, sailing, biking, horseback riding, and picnicking. For fishing enthusiasts, the fishery consists of Florida-strain largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead and carp. This reservoir also has some great hiking and riding trails around the reservoir where you can enjoy an ever-changing terrain with its natural settings of streams, lush river valleys, canopied oak forests, dry rocky slopes, and open fields.

Barrett Reservoir, located approximately 35 miles east of San Diego at the confluence of Cottonwood and Pine Valley Creeks, will open Wednesday, April 19. It is one of only two reservoirs in the region that operates under highly restrictive regulations designed to protect the fishery and the quality of the fishing experience. The reservoir’s regulations call for the use of barbless artificial lures only and the release of all fish that are caught. Species in the fisheries include northern largemouth bass, bluegill, bullheads, and both black and white crappie. Fishermen interested in catch and release fishing at Barrett must make reservations through Ticketmaster by calling (619) 220-8497 or visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

For locations, directions, days of operation, hours, and activity information, call the City Reservoir Recreation Info Line (619) 465-FISH or visit www.sandiego.gov/water.

The Water Department maintains the water system that serves San Diego, and provides treated water service to the City of Del Mar, and wholesale water service to the California-American Water Company delivering water to Coronado, Imperial Beach, and portions of southern San Diego. This includes the treatment and delivery of more than 200 million gallons of water that is transported daily through more than 3,000 miles of pipelines. For more information about the Water Department's programs and services, please visit www.sandiego.gov/water or call (619) 515-3500 for general information.

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